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SUBJECT: ANDREOTTI NAMES UNDERSECRETARIES AMID CRITICISM OF  
CABINET SELECTION

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SUMMARY: ANDREOTTI NAMED 47 UNDERSECRETARIES ON MARCH 15  
REFLECTING THE FACTIONAL POLITICAL BALANCE OF HIS PARTY.  
THE LIST IS BY AND LARGE UNDISTINGUISHED AND FUELS THE  
MOUNTING DISCONTENT (LED BY THE COMMUNISTS) OVER THE LACK  
OF CHANGE EVIDENCED IN THE SELECTION OF THE NEW CABINET.  
END SUMMARY.

1. ANDREOTTI'S NEW CABINET HELD ITS FIRST MEETING ON  
MARCH 15. IT UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED THE PROGRAM WHICH THE  
PRIME MINISTER PRESENTED (IN ABBREVIATED FORM) TO PARLIAMENT  
MARCH 16. IT ALSO APPROVED THE NOMINATION OF 47 UNDERSECRE-  
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TARIES, THE SAME NUMBER ORIGINALLY INCLUDED IN ANDREOTTI'S  
LAST GOVERNMENT. OF THEESE 16 ARE NEW APPOINTMENTS.  
THE NEW UNDERSECRETARIES WERE SWORN IN EARLY ON MARCH  
16 JUST AS THE ELECTRIFYING NEWS BROKE OF DC PREIDENT  
MORO'S KIDNAPPING. THEY ARE AS FOLLOWS N INDICATED  
NEW APPOINTMENT: R DENOTES REAPPOINTMENT: S INDICATED  
SHIFTED);

SECRETARY, COUNCIL OF MINISTERS	EVANGELISTI (R)
UNDERSECRETARY FOR PRESS PROBLEMS	BRESSANI (S)
UNDERSECRETARY, PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION REFORM	SEL RIO (N)
PROBLEMS OF THE SOUTH	SENESE (RL)
FOREIGN	FOSCHI (R)
	RADI (R)
	SANZA (N)
INTERNAL AFFAIRS	DARIDA (RL)
	LSFFISDI (R)
JUSTICE	DELL'ANDRO (R)
	SPERANZA (R)
BUDGET	ABIS (S)
FINANCE	AZZARO (R)
	ERMINERO (S)
	TAMBRONI (R)
TREASURY	MAZZARINO (R)
	CARTA (S)
	CORA (R)
	TARABINI (R)
DEFENSE	PETRUCCI (R)
	CAROLI (R)
	MAZZOLA (N)
EDUCATION	FALCUCCI (R)
	ARMATO (S)
	SPIGAROLI (N)
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PUBLIRCWORKS	PADULA (R)
	FONTANA (S)
AGRICULTURE	CACCHIOLI (N)
	ZURLO (R)
TRANSPORT	DEGAN (R)
	ACCILI (N)
POSTS	TIRIOLO (R)
	DAL MASO (R)
INDUSTRY	SINESSIO (N)
	BADDI (N)
	ALIVERTI (N)
LABOR	CRISTOFORI (R)
	PUMILIA (N)
	PICCINELLI (N)
FOREIGN TRADE	BERNARDI (N)
MERCHANT MARINE	ROSA (R)
GOVERNMENT HOLDINGS	REBECCHINI (N)
HEALTH	VECCHIARELLI (N)
TOURISM	SGARLATA (N)
CULTURAL ASSESTS	SPITELLA (R)
	POSTAL (R)
	(SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH)

2. THE COMPOSITION OF THE UNDERSECRETARIES LIST REFLECTS PRESSURES BOTH FROM WITHIN THE DC AND FROM THE OTHER PARTIES. IN ITS MAKEUP, IT RESPECTS THE EXIGENCIES OF DC FACTIONAL POLITICS: THERE ARE 5 MOROTEI, 6 FORZE NUOVE, 4 BASE, 4 RUMOR-GULLOTTI, 4 ANREOTTIANI, 7 FANFANIANI, AND 15 DOROTEI. OTHER THAN THOSE NOMINATED, HOWEVER, THE LIST HAS MADE FEW PEOPLE ECSTATIC. FOR ONE THING, ANDREOTTI DID NOT ADHERE TO THE GUIDELINES ESTABLISHED BY THE PARTY FOR THE SELECTION OF UNDERSECRETARIES. UNDER STRONG PRESSURES FROM MORO, DELL'ANDRO (MOROTEI LEADER IN PUBLIA) WAS RE-NOMINATED IN VIOLATION OF THE 5A-YEAR RULE (REFTEL); SIMILARLY, DONAT CATTIN'S INSISTENCE SAVED SINESIO. CONFIDENTIAL

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3. IN ADDITION, ANDROTTI DECLINED TO NOMINATE GAVA AND SANGALLI, NUMBER ONE AND TWO RESPECTIVELY ON THE ROSTER OF NOMINEES VOTED BY THE DC PARLIA-

MENTARY GROUP. ALREADY SMARTING OVER THE COMPOSITION OF ANDROTTI'S CABINET, THE COMMUNISTS REPORTEDLY OBJECTED STRONGLY TO THE INCLUSION OF GAVA IN THE GOVERNMENT. IN ADDITION OF GAVA'S UNSAVORY REPUTATION AS THE DOROTEO POLITICAL BOSS OF NAPLES, THE PCI PARTICULARLY OBJECTED TO GAVA'S OUTSPOKEN OPPOSITION TO THE COMMUNISTS IN CAMPAGNA. THUS, "L'UNITA" WARNED EDITORIALY ON MARCH 15 THAT THE PCI WAS "NOT INDIFFERENT AS TO HOW THE STRUCTURE OF THE GOVERNMENT WOULD BE ACHIEVED WITH REGARD TO THE NUMBER AND NAMES OF THE UNDERSECRETARIES". THE DC POINTEDLY COMPENSATED GAVA BY ANNOUNCING HIS APPOINTMENT AS CHIEF OF THE PARTY'S LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICE, REPLACING AN ANREOTTIANO. THE DELETION OF SANGALLI FROM ANDREOTTI'S LIST, ON THE OTHER HAND, REFLECTED A POLITICAL SETTling OF

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SCORES. A MEMBER OF ANDROTTI'S OWN FACTION, SANGALLI EARNED HIS MENTOR'S STRONG REPROOF FOR HIS REFUSAL TO DELETE HIS NAME FROM THE LIST OF THE REFORM-MINDED GROUP OF 100.

4. THE LIST OF UNDERSECRETARIES DOES NOT INCLUDE ANY OF THE LEADERS OF THE GROUP OF 100. THIS WAS EXPECTED HOWEVER, IN VIEW OF THE GROUPS PRIOR INDICATION THAT THEY WISH TO BE CONSIDERED FOR APPOINTMENT AND THE FACT THAT MANY ARE INELIGIBLE IN ANY CASE AS FIRST-TERMERS. ONE MEMBER OF THE GROUP, ZAMBERLETTI, WAS OFFERED A POST BUT CHOSE TO DECLINE. CERTAINLY, HOWEVER, PARTY RENEWALISTS CAN HARDLY BE ENCOURAGED BY THE LIST. WITH FEW EXCEPTIONS (MAZZOLA TO DEFENSE, ERNARDI TO FOREIGN TRADE), THE APPOINTMENTS ARE SINGULARLY LACKLUSTER, MADE MORE IN RECOGNITION OF FACTIONAL LOYALTY THAN EVIDENCE OF TALENT AND LEADERSHIP.

5. THE COMMUNISTS CONTINUE TO INDICATE THEIR STRONG DISPLEASURE WITH ANDREOTTI'S CABINET BOTH FOR THE RETENTION OF CERTAIN MINISTERS AND THE REASSIGNMENT OF OTHERS. IN PARTICULAR, THE PCI IS ANGERED BY THE RETENTION OF DONAT CATTIN BISAGLIA: IT ALSO STRONGLY CRITICIZED THE DECISION TO SHIFT STAMMATI FROM TREASURY TO PUBLIC WORKS. THE PCI IS CLEARLY MIFFED THAT THE ANDROTTI CABINET DOES NOT PROVIDE THE VISIBLE DEMONSTRATION OF CHANGE WHICH THE COMMUNISTS WANTED TO ACHIEVE THROUGH THE INTRODUCTION OF TECHNICIAN MINISTERS. AS PCI SECRETARIAT MEMBER PAVOLINI WROTE IN "L'UNITA" MARCH 15 UNDER THE HEADING "JUSTIFIED CRITICISMS", THE CABINET DOES NOT REFLECT THE NEEDED "SIGNS OF CHANGE". PCI PARLIA

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METNTARIAN DIGIULIO WNT FURTHER, THREATENING THAT SHOULD THERE BE "OTHER NEGATIVE SIGNS, IT WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE TO PREDICT HOW LONG THE GOVERNMENT WILL LAST". IN EXPRESSING THIER DISCONTENT WITH THE STRUCTURE OF THE NEW GOVERNMENT, THE PCI WAS JOINED BY EQUALLY HARSH COMMENTS FROM SOCIALISTS AND REPUBLICANS. THE NEW GOVERNMENT THUS TAKES OFFICE IN AN ATMOSPHERE OF POLIEMICS AND DISCONTENT.

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